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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-3 without prejudice and add new claims 4-9 as follows:

1.-3. (Cancelled)

4. (New) A fluid sampler for collecting fluid from a patient for testing for constituents, the fluid sampler adapted for attachment to a body fluid testing apparatus, the fluid sampler comprising:

a member having a sample portion and a handle portion, the sample portion being positionable relative to the handle portion in a storage position and a sample position;

a medium carried on the sample portion of the sampler; and

a needle comprising a first end projecting from the sampler and a second end in fluid communication with the medium.

5. (New) The fluid sampler of claim 4 wherein:

the handle portion is formed from a sampler housing defining a cavity; and the sample portion is pivotally connected to the sampler housing.

- 6. (New) The fluid sampler of claim 5 wherein the needle is positioned within the cavity of the sampler housing when the sample portion is in the storage position.
 - 7. (New) The fluid sampler of claim 5 further comprising:

a first cam follower coupled to the sample portion and responsive to a cam, the first cam follower being positioned to move the sample portion from the storage position to the sample position as the first cam coupler is displaced by the cam; and

a second cam follower coupled to the sample portion and responsive to the cam, the second cam follower positioned to move the sample portion from the sample position to the storage position as the second cam coupler is displaced by the cam.

8. (New) The fluid sampler of claim 4 wherein the sampler is an elongated member having one end forming the sample portion and an oppositely disposed end forming the handle portion.

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The fluid sampler of claim 4 wherein the medium is a membrane, the membrane being (New) 9. absorbent to fluid.